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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant: James L. Barnard

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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING PHOSPHORUS REMOVAL IN
WASTE WATER TREATMENT WITHOUT CHEMICAL ADDITION

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement entered August 4, 2005, applicant hereby elects to proceed with the Group II Claims 7-15 drawn to A Process.

It is noted that the elected claims and those of the non elected group (directed to An apparatus) are essentially drawn to a method and an apparatus for performing the method and, as such, are very closely related. It is urged that any searching would necessarily overlap both fields of art and that the inventions are of a close enough nature to one another that they should be commonly examined. Consequently, it is urged that the

restriction requirement be withdrawn and that all pending claims be commonly examined.

Respectfully Submitted,



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